

BIG BATTLE IS NOW ON THAT MAY DECIDE WAR

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fairly mobbed by people eager to buy the extras.

The members of the general staff do not offer explanations of what Admiral Alexoff means by "Japanese sources," but they declare that the victory would not have officially reported such important news unless it had reached him from sources entirely worthy of credence. At the same time they say the report should be accepted with reserve, pending the receipt of more definite advice.

Togo's Report.

But in support of the report they point out that the date coincides with the second attempt of Admiral Togo's torpedo boat destroyers to creep into the harbor. It is true that Togo does not mention a land attack, but this is not his province.

The loss of 30,000 of the besiegers in an attack against fortifications with guns in position and the approaches sown with mines is considered to be quite within the range of possibility, if the Japanese, as on other occasions, stormed the fortifications with their accustomed recklessness, and especially if the mines were exploded under masses of men. The general staff, however, had information that the besiegers had occupied Taku-Shan Hill, three miles northeast of the harbor, but that the Japanese were unable to hold the position.

In Desperate Straits.

If the report of the loss of 30,000 Japanese is confirmed, General Nodzu's army is in desperate straits, as General Stoessel will not fail to take advantage of such a reverse and follow it up. The admiral believes that Rear Admiral Withoff's squadron is rendering effective aid in the defense of Port Arthur by impeding the construction of batteries near the eastern approaches of the fortress by sinking out and shelling the Japanese works under construction for this purpose. The expedition of Saturday is believed to have been of this nature. The bringing up of siege guns to an effective range can thus be materially retarded. This probably is the reason the squadron has not left Port Arthur and is not likely to do so unless the fall of the fortress becomes inevitable.

Situation Improved.

The admiral considers that the naval situation has greatly improved and sees evidence of the Japanese fleet's showing signs of exhaustion. The officials here think that Admiral Togo, with the knowledge that he will have to fight without the cooperation of the army in storming Port Arthur, has become extremely cautious about risking his ships, and that at present he will undertake operations of secondary importance only, like a pursuit of the Vladivostok squadron and co-operation with land forces at Niuchwang.

Heavily Defeated.

A special dispatch received from Mukden last night, dated July 12, repeats the story of a Japanese repulse at Port Arthur with the loss of 30,000. The dispatch says:

"News has been received from reliable sources that the Japanese third army on the night of July 11 attacked Port Arthur and was heavily defeated, an immense number being killed by Russian mines. The total loss is about 30,000."

There was great anxiety throughout St. Petersburg all this evening for further details of the reported disaster. It has developed that the official report which was at first supposed to emanate directly from Viceroy Alexeeff, was not specifically fathered by him, but was given out as a report reaching his headquarters from Japanese sources. "What these sources are has not yet been explained. Possibly the report was intercepted by wireless telegraphy, but it is not known."

Russian consul at Chefoo, or Tien-Tsin.

A full report on the subject from Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, is awaited with the greatest interest.

BRITISH FLEET WATCHES WAR

CHEFOO, July 14.—The British fleet, the movements of which last week were tinged with mystery, has been located cruising in Yung-Ching Bay, thirty miles from Wei-Hai-Wei. There is authority for saying that the fleet is watching the developments at Port Arthur.

Chinese refugees from Port Arthur who arrived here report that the Japanese have recaptured two positions from which they recently were driven—namely, Forts Fourteen and Seven.

MONGOLIA ONLY WAY OF RETREAT

TOKYO, July 14.—The "Japan Mail" remarks that General Kurapatkin is evidently concentrating at Tanghai against General Nodzu's Takuhan army. The level country there would give an opportunity for the use of the powerful Russian cavalry.

The "Nichi Nichi," commenting upon General Kurapatkin's apparent indecision, states that while General Kuroki was temporarily at Feng-wang-cheng the Russians spent their strength in attacking his flanks, leaving the Motien Pass lightly defended.

Retreat Lies Through Mongolia.

Now the line into Mongolia is the only certain avenue of retreat he has open to him. Russia would hesitate to enter neutral territory, yet China's recent orders to the guards in the Mongolian frontier are significant.

It is reported that the Russian destroyer Lieutenant Burukoff, failing in an attempt to run the blockade of Port Arthur, has returned to Yingkou, the port of Niuchwang.

Oku Admits Few Losses.

LONDON, July 14.—The Japanese legation issues General Oku's report of the Japanese losses incurred in the occupation of Kaiping. The general says that on July 5 and 7 he lost four killed and twenty wounded and on July 8 and 9 about 120 killed and wounded.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—A dispatch from Liao-Yang says that Japanese troops surrounded an advanced Russian post near Wafandu yesterday. The Russians were forced to retreat with a loss of eighty men.

General Stakelberg lost 150 men killed or wounded in Saturday's fighting near Kaiping.

The St. Petersburg Gazette reports that Japanese patrols are only twelve and one-half miles from Liao-Yang.

BREASTPLATES FOR RUSSIANS

MILAN, July 14.—The Russian government has ordered 100,000 breastplates from a local company engaged in the manufacture of the Benedetti cuirass for use by the Russian forces in the Far East.

The cuirass in question is a pliable breastplate weighing 20 grammes (about one pound), measuring 17 centimetres square, 12 millimetres (a little

less than one-half inch) thick, and capable of resisting bullets.

The inventor gave a demonstration of the breastplate last winter in the presence of the Czar at St. Petersburg.

The present order is to be delivered to the Russian consul here by August 15, and the total price aggregates a little more than \$250,000.

The manufacturing firm, which employs some 250 workmen, keeps secret how the breastplate is made.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS ON RAID

LONDON, July 14.—According to a dispatch to the Central News from Tokyo, it is reported that several torpedo boats of the Vladivostok squadron have appeared off the island of Hokkaido.

A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says the officers of the Baltic fleet have been ordered to join their vessels by July 14.

CHICAGO CLEARS STREETS FOR MUNICIPAL TRACKS

Serves Notice on Two Companies to Take Up Ten Miles of Rails.

CHICAGO, July 14.—The city has begun its war on the Chicago Union Traction Company to force it to come to terms in the settlement of the contested traction question. Mayor Harrison today sent an eviction notice to the traction company and the Chicago Passenger Railway Company directing these corporations to vacate and remove the tracks within ninety days from the streets, for which the Chicago Passenger Railway franchise has expired.

The notice involves about ten miles of tracks, some of it being terminal tracks in the heart of the business section. Enforcement of the edict means that several of the big trunk lines will have to unload their patrons on the west side, a mile from the shipping center.

Following the issuance of the eviction order the mayor signed the council resolution directing him to advertise for bids for the installation of a street railway service in the territory of the expired franchise.

Contracted Vacations For District Clerks

That which gave apprehension to District government's per diem employees has happened. Annual leave of each has been lessened by from two to four days.

Reason assigned is: By act of Congress only 90 days are allotted to be divided among all per diem employees of local government above the grade of skilled laborer. This year there are 117 such employees, while last year there were only 127 entitled to the leave. Consequently, those who had nine days' leave last year got only seven this year, and those who had five must now content themselves with two or one.

Of the List.

Although no official announcement has been made to this effect, the committee in charge of allotting leaves, it is understood, has cut from the list of eligibles many who previous to this time were entitled to leave while employed in the Engineer Department. Why this was done is not known, unless it was to keep down, to some extent, the rapidly growing number of per diem men who come in for a small portion of the 90 days.

Decrease in annual leave this year substantiates arguments of per diem employees. They contend that the list will continue to grow each year until, finally, so many will be entitled to a part of the 90 days that the most any will get will be only one or two days. A vacation of one week out of a whole year seems ridiculously small, they consider, and a further decrease in the leaves would be disastrous.

No Help For It.

The District Commissioners claim they can only follow terms of the act of Congress, and divide as equitably as they can the 90 days allowed to per diem men. It is admitted by all that seven days as a maximum and one day as a minimum seems a short vacation for clerks who are shut out all the year round in the stuffy and ill-ventilated offices in the District Building. There seems no help, however, and per diem men will have to submit to the law.

The leave is allotted on service basis. Clerks longest in service get seven days, the next draw five, and so on until the most recently employed get but one day.

Saks & Company

Penna. Ave. and Seventh St.

Price Reductions for Friday.

July Clearance Sale of

High-Grade Suits for Men.

AS REGULARLY as July comes this sale comes, and as regularly as this sale has come we guarantee you have never been disappointed in the values offered. As usual, the offer involves one of our best selling lines. It is on account of its popularity that we find it somewhat wanting in a number of sizes. Rather than fill in at this juncture we have decided to dispose of the entire line.

The offering embraces a variety of Single or Double-breasted Half or Quarter-lined Models of Homespun, Fancy Cheviot, Worsted, and Cassimere. Sold regularly for \$12.50, \$15.00, and \$17.50. For this sale, \$9.25.

July Clearance Sale of

Panamas and Straw Hats.

For the information of those who were unable to secure Panamas, to their size, at our previous sale we beg to announce a fresh consignment. We are offering them at a still lower price—in fact we can safely say that never in the history of Panamas have they been sold for so small an amount.

Values up to \$10. For this sale at \$3.75.

You may secure any one of our great variety of braids and shapes in Straws

Values up to \$2.00 at 85c

Values From \$3 to \$4, \$1.45

Sale of High-Grade Apparel for Young Men and Boys

In order that we may demonstrate to you the high character of our apparel for Young Men; that we may convince you of our ability to provide apparel at prices that bear comparison we have organized this sale. Every garment has been gleaned from our regular stock. Small lots of Single and Double-breasted Suits, in Worsted, Thibets, Cassimere of Plain and Fancy Mixture effects; broad shoulders and close fitting collars; form fitting or loose coat backs. Sizes 31 to 36. Values up to \$13.50—\$8.75.

Boys' Sack Coat Outing Suits. Regular Price, \$5; Sale Price, \$1.50

Boys' Cheviot Outing Suits in a variety of neat designs, snappy models. Just the sort of suit that the youngster would delight in wearing.

Boys' Wash Suits

Small lots of Wash Suits of Galatea, White Duck and Linen, in Sailor or Russian Blouses. Values up to \$2.50. For this sale, 95c.

\$1.25 Boys' Knee Trousers, 50c

300 Pair of Boys' Knee Trousers fashioned of Blue Serge, or Mixed Cheviots. All sizes.

\$3 Suits for Boys, \$1.95

Double-breasted or Norfolk Suits, in plain blue or black cheviot or fanch mixtures; Italian lined; reinforced seams. Sizes 6 to 16 years.

\$6.50 Suits for Boys, \$4.75

Double-breasted or Norfolk Suits of Blue Serge or Fancy Cheviots, with two pairs of trousers (bloomers and regular). Sizes 9 to 16 years.

Children's Hats at Great Reductions.

Children's Washable Hats in Tam O'Shanter, Yacht Cap, and Naval Reserve shapes.

Values 50c and 98c, at 25c

In Our Furnishing Shop.

\$1.00 Madras Shirts for Men, 50c.

We offer an extra fine imported Madras Shirt with outside pocket, cushion neckband, separate cuffs. We have been selling this shirt regularly over our counter for \$1.00.

50c White Gauze Underwear, 25c.

White Gauze Shirt or Drawers. Shirt has silk bound neck and front, pearl buttons; drawers have double gusset.

50c Imported Lace Tan Sox, 25c.

We are offering a regular 50c imported half-hose for 25c; double heel and toe.

In Our Sporting Goods Shop

\$25 Bradley Bicycle, \$13.50

We fully guarantee this particular make. It is equipped with extension handle bars, first-class tires, and padded saddle. It is an unusually fine machine at a low price.

\$1 and \$1.25 Bathing Suits at 75c

We are offering a large variety of Bathing Suits at 75c. In most cases you will find them worth as high as \$1.25. We have them in both plain and fancy colors.

\$1.25 Hammock, 75c

Extra fine corded Hammocks, with pillow and spreader.

In Our Shoe Department

Your choice of any Black Oxford Tie for Women (excepting Queen Quality Shoe) for \$1.85.

One lot of High Cut or Oxford Ties for Men, of Vici Kid, Patent Calf or Patent Colt; hand made, oak soles, latest shape. Values up to \$4, \$2.40.

One lot of Children's Barefoot Sandals of Russia Leather; oak soles, strong and durable. Value \$1.00, at 69c.

Goldenberg's

"The Dependable Store."

Seventh and K Streets.

Important Price Cuts Among the REMNANTS

Our stock-taking time is but a little way ahead—and we must "trim ship" in all departments before that time. Prices are slashed vigorously, that we close out all remnants and stray waifs tomorrow, as well as reduce regular lines that are too heavy for this time of year.

Dependable styles—therefore undoubted values.

You'll read our determination to make quick work of everything tomorrow in these sacrificed values.

Close at 5 o'clock; Saturdays at 9 P. M.

Shirt Waist Suits, Skirts, and Other Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

11 fine quality all-wool Novelty Mixed Walking Skirts, all killed; light gray and chambray color, worth \$5.00 at \$1.98

16 Imported white Pique Walking Skirts, trimmed with self folds and tailor stitched straps. Must be sold. Values up to \$6.00 at 98c

2 Foulard Silk Costumes, in navy blue grounds with designs of white; sizes 34 and 36; former price \$18. at \$9.98

21 Skirts in walking and dress lengths, including Voiles, Cheviots, Imported Novelty Mixtures, and fine quality Mohairs, in black, navy, and brown, values up to \$2.98 at \$1.98

Lot of Duck Walking Skirts, navy, blue, and white grounds with polka dots; worth \$1.25 at 69c

Oddments of Wash Shirt Waist Suits, including Dimities, Lawns, Madras, and fine Percales, worth up to \$4. at \$1.85

4 White India Linen Shirt Waist Suits, trimmed with lace insertion or embroidery. Must be sold. Sizes 32 to 40. at \$1.98

17 Shirt Waist Suits of Madras and Percales, not all sizes of each sort, but all sizes in the assortment, worth \$2.48 up to \$5. at \$1.48

Wrappers and Waists.

Lot of about 4 dozen best quality Percale Wrappers, in light colors; sizes 34 and 44 only. at 49c

11 handsome Shirt Waists of Silk Pongee, trimmed elaborately with deep tucks; sizes 34, 36, and 42; worth \$3. for \$1.98

7 fine white Washable Net Waists, size all tucked, made over Persian lawn foundation; sizes 34, 36, and 38; worth \$3.50 at \$1.39

All the oddments of our regular stock of White Waists, of India Linen, Persian Lawn, and Madras, in broken sizes and sold; worth up to \$2. at 59c

Remnants—Ribbons.

No. 2 All-silk Satin Gros Grain Ribbons, in white and all colors. Friday, per yard, at 1c

Remnants of Ribbons, Sold off the piece up to 10c a yard, at 2 1/2c

Remnants of Ribbons, in all shades. Sold off the piece up to 15c a yard, at 5 1/2c

Remnants of Ribbons, in all shades. Sold off the piece up to 25c a yard, at 9 1/2c

Remnants—Embroideries.

Remnants of Cambric and Swiss Embroideries, both Edges and Insertings. Sold up to 8c a yard, Friday at 2 1/2c

Remnants of Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook Embroideries, desirable widths. Sold up to 12 1/2c a yd. at 5 1/2c

Remnants of Finest Quality Embroideries, of all sorts, in Nainsook, Swiss, and Cambric, including wide widths. Sold up to 10c yard, at 8 1/2c

Remnants of All Over Lace and Embroideries, in yoke lengths, 18 inches wide. Qualities sold up to 20c a yard. Friday, per length, at 15c

Remnants—Laces.

Remnants of Torchon and Valenciennes Laces, in desirable lengths and good styles. at 1c

Neckwear, 5c. Worth up to 25c.

A round-up of all the broken lines of Women's Neckwear left from recent selling, marked for quick selling tomorrow.

Choice of several hundred pieces—including Turn Overs of mull, trimmed with lace; also Mercerized Stripes, with self rings, and many other stylish effects too numerous to mention.

5c for choice of values sold up to 25c.

Lot of regular 50c and 75c Dress Yokes, full sizes, in white and colors, trimmed with lace and fagoting. Friday at 25c

Fans, 5c Dozen.

Large size Satin Palm Leaf Fans, at 5c a dozen tomorrow—perfect quality. Lowest price ever quoted for them.

Wash Goods, 5c.

Remnants of 10c Lawns.

Another large lot of Figured Lawns including the 40-inch sort with neat figures and dots on white grounds, and other equally as desirable Wash Fabrics, in countless styles and colorings. 5c a yard for choice of the entire collection tomorrow.

Broken Lots Men's Clothing

29 Men's Suits, including All-wool Navy Blue Serges, Fancy Mixtures, in light and dark patterns. Left from lines sold up to \$5.00 at \$1.98

Lot of about 50 Men's Office Coats, in blue, black, and white, styled, gingham; sizes 36, 38, and 40 only. Reduced from 50c to 29c

49 Men's Odd Coats, half and full lined; left from suits which sold at \$10, \$12, and \$15. Size 38-inch breast measure only. Friday, each coat at \$2.89

A lot of Men's Summer Weight Trousers, in various materials and neat patterns, strictly all wool cassimeres, and pure worsteds. Values \$1.49 worth up to \$3. at 79c

39c Hat Veils, 19c.

Odd lot of large size Ready Made Hat Veils, of silk chiffon, in fashionable colors, with hemstitched borders. 19c each for regular 39c values.

Remnants—Gloves.

Lot of Women's Regular 19c Lisle Gloves, in black, gray, and mode; all sizes. Friday, pair at 8c

Women's 2-clasp Suede Lisle Gloves, in black and white. Regular 25c quality, pair at 14c

108 pairs of Women's Milanese Silk Mitts, extra long, in black only. Regular 50c quality, at half price, pair at 25c

108 pairs of Women's All-silk 15-button Length Gloves, in black or white. All sizes. Regular 50c value, pair at 29c

White Goods Remnants.

Remnants of 40-inch White India Linens; crisp, clean goods; in mill lengths. Regular 17 1/2c quality, at 6 1/2c

Check Nainsook and Check Lawns; also India Linens, all in good lengths. Regular 8c values, Friday at 4 1/2c

Regular 10c and 12 1/2c India Linen and Persian Lawns, fine and sheer; lengths from 2 to 8 yards. Friday at 6 1/2c

22-inch English Madras, Welt Pique, Cream Bedford Cord, and 20-inch Cannon Cloth, in lengths suitable for waists and suits. 12 1/2c values. at 7 1/2c

Oddments—Children's Goods

Lot of Children's Sunbonnets and Caps, in white and colors. Reduced to 10c

Small lot of Children's White Pique Blouses, with embroidery trimmed collars; sizes 1 to 4 years. Sold at 69c

Small lot of girls' Fine Quality White Persian Lawn Dresses, handsomely trimmed; also a few French Lace Dresses, Russian waist styles. Slightly mussed. Sold up to \$1.29 at 79c

Remnants of Dress Gingham, in pink and oxblood stripes, suitable for children's dresses. Friday, yard at 4 1/2c

Remnants of Light and Dark Prints, in neat patterns. Friday, yard at 3 1/2c

Remnants—Domestics

Remnants of yard-wide Soft Finished Cambric; lengths from 1 to 10 yards. Friday, per yard, at 7 1/2c

5 bales of Heavy Unbleached Cotton, in one to three yards, to 15 yards. Friday, yard, at 3 1/2c

Small lot of Bed Spreads, a trifle soiled on the ends, in pairs of size for double beds. Friday at 39c

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Remnants and Oddments—Mattings and Home Needs

Lot of odd rolls of Japanese Mattings, in rich colors, with pet patterns. Worth \$7.00 at \$1.60

Lot of slightly damaged Lace Curtains, in one to three yards, a kind; in white and ecru. Worth up to \$1.50 a pair, at 49c

Lot of Opague Window Shades, size 36x66; mounted on spring rollers. Regular 25c value, for 12 1/2c

Lot of Rattan Rocker and Dining Chairs, slightly scratched. Worth up to \$5. at \$2.98

Lot of Bedspreads, in pattern, for double beds; a trifle soiled. Sold at \$1.69c

Remnants of Doonies, Silkolines, Cretonnes, and Curtain Swisses; qualities sold off the piece from 12 1/2c to 38c yd. at 5c

Lot of Japanese Folding Screens, 4-folds, heavily worked. Worth \$5. Cut ex-actly half in price. at \$2.50